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## **Caltrans Begins Route Re-designation Project**

Redding – The California Department of Transportation has awarded a \$605,000 construction project to Coral Construction, of Wilsonville, Oregon to begin replacing highway route shield and directional signs for the State Route 299 Re-designation project. Workers and equipment will begin placing new route shields, directional signs and several large overhead standards beginning Monday, April 21. The work is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The route re-designation project came about as a result of AB 165 and SB 1637 to help eliminate any driver confusion as to which route they were on while driving the Redding area and to provide some continuity to State Route 299. With this project SR 299 will be one continuous route, with out a break in the downtown area or the Interstate 5 freeway separation as in the past.

As SR 299 originates in the west, entering Redding on Eureka Way, it will turn north at the Market Street intersection and continue north to the Lake Boulevard intersection, then turn east and reconnect to the existing SR 299 as it passes under Interstate 5. The former section of SR 299 leaving the downtown area, heading east past the Civic Auditorium and ending at Interstate 5 will become the beginning of State Route 44.

Motorists should not experience any delays, as the majority of work will be performed from a shoulder work area. When road closures are necessary for the larger sign standards and overhead signs, that work will be done at night to reduce the delays to traffic. Advance warning signs will alert traffic when approaching the work zones.

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